

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 12-18 are pending in the present application, with claim 12 being the only independent claim.

Claim 12 was found to contain allowable subject matter. In view of the allowable subject matter, claim 12 is rewritten in independent form including the limitations of base claim 11. Claim 11 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, independent claim 12 is allowable.

New dependent claims 13-18 correspond to previously canceled claims 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10, respectively, and are allowable for the same reasons as is independent claim 12.

The application is now deemed to be in condition for immediate allowance and early notice to that effect is solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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